

Florence District Lay Servant Ministries

2026 LAY SERVANT SPRING TRAINING



SCHOOL DATES:

Friday, March 13th 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday, March 14th 9:00 am-5:30 pm

IN-PERSON

Lake City United Methodist Church, 229 W. Main Street, Lake City, SC
You **must attend** both sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

****Registration deadline is Sunday, February 28, 2026****

Registration is online only—No registrations will be accepted after this date

PAYMENT/BOOKS

****No Registration Fee****

(Participants are responsible for ordering books, please see details below.)

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK

<https://www.umcsc.org/florencedistrictregistration/>

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Mrs. Lou Jordan, Lay Servant Ministries, Associate Director at 843-992-1548, email: rjusc@aol.com

COURSES OFFERED

Basic Course – Lay Servant Ministries

Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts and the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a small discipleship group.

Polity (*Life Together in the United Methodist Connection*)

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline is recommended for both the online and text version of this course.

Preach (*From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon*)

Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon. This course also includes types of sermons—from exegetical to topical to children's sermons—as well as how to find a story, how to use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper.

Spiritual Gifts: (*Each One a Minister*)

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will be able to identify their own spiritual gifts.

Conflict Resolution: (*The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation, Creating a Culture of Just Peace*)

This course helps to transfer conflict into a positive rather than a negative force is a spiritual pursuit and needs to be grounded in biblical principles: love of God, neighbor, and self.

COURSE BOOKS

(Need to be ordered by Participant)

PLEASE ORDER BOOKS IN A TIMELY MANNER DUE TO SHIPPING

- Cokesbury <https://www.cokesbury.com/>
- Upper Room <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/>
- Amazon <http://www.amazon.com/>

Course - Basic Course - Lay Servant Ministries

Participant: *Lay Servant Ministries, Participant's Book (Basic Course)*

Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson - Participants book - Paperback –2013
ISBN - 9780881776263

Course –Polity – Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the United Methodist Church

Participant: *Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the United Methodist Church*

Thomas Edward Frank - Participants Book - Paperback - 2006
ISBN – 9780687335312

Course –Preach

Participant: *From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon*

Tony Franks, David Carroll - Participants Book – Paperback - 2008
ISBN - 9780881775365

Course – Spiritual Gifts - Each One a Minister

Participant: *Each One a Minister*

William J. Carter - Participants Book – Paperback 2002
ISBN – 9780881773750

Course – Conflict Resolution

Participant: *The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation, Creating a Culture of Just Peace”*

Thomas Porter - Participants Book – Paperback 2010
ISBN 13: 9780835810265